

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed February 27, 2009. At the time of the Advisory Action, Claims 10-18 were pending in this Application. Claims 10-18 were rejected. Claims 1-9 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent Claims 10 and 16 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,832,429 issued to Michele B. Gammel et al. ("Gammel"), in view of U.S. Patent 5,852,801 issued to Hsiao-Wuen Hon et al. ("Hon"). Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art cannot render obvious the rejected claims, because the cited art does not teach or suggest all the elements of amended independent Claims 10 and 16, or the present claims 11-15 and 17-18 that depend from Claims 10 and 16, respectively.

For example, the proposed *Gammel-Hon* combination does not teach or suggest at least the following features of amended independent Claim 10:

providing the user, upon non-recognition of a voice utterance and via the speech recognition system, an opportunity to immediately assign the voice utterance to a new command prior to any subsequent user input.

Specifically, the proposed *Gammel-Hon* combination does not teach or suggest *providing the user . . . an opportunity to immediately assign the voice utterance to a new command prior to any subsequent user input*. Rather, *Gammel* requires a voice or key command prior to assigning a voice utterance to a speed dial entry. *Gammel*, figs. 2-5, 7, col. 6, ll.5-8. The Examiner agrees. Office Action, 7 (Dec. 10, 2008) ("Gammel does not teach that [new names are added] upon non-recognition of a voice utterance and via the speech recognition system.").

Further, *Hon* requires a user to correct the improperly recognized text or explicitly invoke the New Word Acquisition Module 100. *Hon*, col. 7, ll.55–58. In the first case, the user is given a list of possible matches for his utterance and only when the user makes a correction to the recognized word will the system know that the utterance was not recognized. *Id.* at fig. 3. In the second case, the user intentionally activates the New Word Module after the *user* determines that his utterance was not recognized. *Id.* Thus, *Hon* requires additional input from the user to indicate that a match has not been made before the system will offer the user an opportunity to assign the voice non-recognized utterance to a word.

As another example, the proposed *Gammel-Hon* combination does not teach or suggest at least the following features of amended independent Claim 16:

a conversion device for converting the command found due to the voice utterance, wherein upon non-recognition of the voice utterance, the speech recognition system provides the user with an opportunity to immediately assign the voice utterance to a new command prior to any subsequent user input.

Specifically, as argued above, the proposed *Gammel-Hon* combination does not teach or suggest a system that *provides the user an opportunity to immediately assign the voice utterance to a new command prior to any subsequent user input*.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended independent Claims 10 and 16; and Claims 11–15 and 17–18, which depend from Claims 10 and 16, respectively.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, and a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees of \$810 (RCE) and \$130 (one month extension) to Deposit Account No. 50-4871 of King & Spalding LLP in order to effectuate this filing.

Applicant believes no other fees are due; however, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for any additional extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit said fees from deposit account number 50-4871.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.457.2030.

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